



# ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, PALERMO



***Tuesday, 24 December, 2019***  
***11:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist***  
**CHRISTMAS EVE — MIDNIGHT MASS**  
***PRESIDER: The Rev. Garfield Wu***

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For emergency pastoral care, please call The Rev. Garfield Wu's cell phone number: 647-878-8650.

**A Special Welcome to Parishioners and Visitors who are with us today**

None of us come to church by accident. No matter what joys, burdens, or problems you bring with you this day, we pray that God's grace will touch you and fill you with the hope and commitment to live your life with peace, courage, compassion, and love. Please join us for refreshments after the service and complete one of the "Welcome" envelopes if you would like to become part of our church family.

Processional Hymn: CP 123  
ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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Glory to God

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CHRISTMAS COLLECT

*Celebrant:* Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. Help us to trust that light on earth, that it will bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*Celebrant:* God of Love

the darkness that covered the earth has given way to the bright dawn of your Word made flesh. Make us a people of this light. Make us faithful to your Word that we may bring your life to the waiting world. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*Reader:* A reading from the Letter to Titus.

**Reading:** Titus 2:11-14

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn:**

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

Verses 1-3

THE GOSPEL

*Reader:* The Lord be with You.

**People:** And also with you.

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**People:** Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gospel:** Luke 2:1-20

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn Concludes With Verse 4 of the Gradual Hymn

HOMILY: The Rev. Garfield Wu

CHOIR ANTHEM: Night of Silence

THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Celebrant:* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn: CP 135 (1, 2, 4)

SHEPHERDS IN THE FIELDS

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

*All say together:*

Source of light and gladness, accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and for ever. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer — The New Zealand Prayer Book

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

CP 719

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

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The Breaking of the Bread No. 6 (Incarnation)

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The Invitation

*You are encouraged to receive the Holy Communion, standing or kneeling at the communion rail or at your request in your seat. For health reasons, do not dip (intinct) the wafer into the wine. Let us know if you require a gluten-free wafer. If you prefer a blessing only, please indicate so by crossing your arms. If you find it difficult to get to the altar, we will be honoured to bring the Holy Communion to you.*

CHOIR SOLO: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant:* Father of all,

tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Doxology (*Sung twice, 2<sup>nd</sup> time with clapping*)

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Announcements

BLESSING

Closing Hymn: CP 119

SILENT NIGHT

DISMISSAL

# MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Thank you for supporting St. Luke's ministries and programs this year with your time, talent and treasure.



## ST. LUKE'S USED CELL PHONE APPEAL

Help homeless youth stay connected and safe! Donate your old cell phone at St. Luke's. Just remove the SIM card and "Factory Reset" the phone (Community Centre staff can help you do this!)

Phones can be dropped off at St. Luke's welcome desk.

**GIVE THE GIFT OF CONNECTION THIS CHRISTMAS!**



## Help St. Luke's Reach Out to Oakville!

The Oakville Community Foundation has accepted St. Luke's as a recipient for its GIVE Oakville campaign! Now we need YOUR HELP to fund a new, digital outdoor sign that will promote the vital programs and services offered at St. Luke's throughout the week. Donations due December 31.



### Donate Online

[https://ocf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create?grant\\_id=7582](https://ocf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create?grant_id=7582)

**Family Cycle of Prayer:** Karen Bassels; David Beswick; James Black; Sheila Clarke; Dean & Janet Correia; Bradley & Kristen Cousins; Wendy & Carl Cousins; Hugh & Leasa Cumming; and their families.



**In the Niagara Diocese:** St. Cuthbert's, Oakville; the Rev. Jeff Ward, Rector; and all the people of that parish.

**In the Diocese of Cuba:** The parish of San Marcos, Mission in Holguin; the Rev. Gil Fat Yero, Minister-in-Charge; and all the people of that parish.



## Family Toy Drive

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated toys or money to the St. Matthew's House Angel Tree drive! Together you have brought joy and hope to many families in need this Christmas season!



St. Luke's 2020 Offering Envelopes will be available soon! Thank you for your patience as we prepare for the new year.

Thank you everyone who made our Christmas Community Dinner a wonderful evening for all! We are very grateful to our hardworking volunteers and staff who prepared a delicious turkey dinner and making everyone feel at home.



Our Nourishing Neighbours food program will be on break this **Thursday, December 26**, resuming **January 2**. If you know a family that would benefit from this assistance, please tell them about Nourishing Neighbours.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Wednesday, 25 December: 10:30 am - Christmas Day Service**
- **24 December, 2019 - 1 January, 2020 - ST. LUKE'S CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**
- **2 January, 2020 - St. Luke's Reopens for Regular Programming**
- **Tuesday, 7 January, 2020 - MP Pam Damoff's New Year's Levee**



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